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SIG meeting, 1000-1115, EOB, chaired by Bob Hormats.
Standard cast of characters in attendance, including Henry
Nau, Marshall Casse, Nancy Bearg Dyke, and Mark Leland.

attended for CIA. The meeting's
purpose was togiscuss the overall strategy paper and to make a
final decision on briefing paper drafting assignments.

- 1. The overall Strategy Paper received relatively heavy and nearly unanimous criticism as being too vague, too defensive, and not positive (or forward-leaning) enough. In particular, several (including Commerce and Treasury) proposed much greater emphasis on East-West trade and financial issues and less on macroeconomic problems and West-West trade issues. It was concluded that, in addition to tone, redrafting would have to take place: agencies are to provide suggested line in/line out changes. Hormats did appear amenable to a much more positive overview, highlighting trade (in its most general terms), in both an East-West and a West-West context. Leland added that we appeared to have a preliminary agreement from at least some of the West Europeans to discuss credit monitoring at the Summit, although it would not be on the formal agenda. This also would argue for much greater stress on Buckley Mission subjects.
- 2. The draft <u>Tasking Memo</u> evoked some serious turf battles, primarily involving <u>Commerce</u>, which felt it was slighted because STR had most of the drafting assignments. Commerce was able to obtain agreement to joint authorship on several issue papers. (After the meeting, it was mentioned that perhaps one reason for Commerce's efforts to obtain more work is that their first RIF notices went out last week.)

Concerning the tasking memos, Hormats continually stressed (1) the importance of completing the papers according to schedule, and (2) the need for brevity, clarity, and relevance to the Summit. On the former, draft papers must be finished and coordinated by 27 April; i.e., cleared and coordinated by this date, with clearance at the DAS level or above. To make this deadline stick, it was agreed that papers must be circulated for clearance and comment by COB 22 April. During the week of 3 May, the papers will be vetted with the White House and other senior parties, including Cabinets and Cabinet Councils, for delivery of the final, updated papers to State Secretariat by 17 May.

Hormats also stressed that the one-page issue papers are to be in Point/Counterpoint style (see attached outline). He also stressed that the outline must be followed scrupulously and the papers made relevant. No adlibbing. He made a plea for interesting and readable papers as well as relevant, arguing that relevance included, among other things, putting in useful, easy-to-remember facts.

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## 3. CIA's Tasking Role:

- o European Energy Supplies, under the Energy rubric -- a one-page key issue paper with CIA as single drafter, to be coordinated with "all interested agencies."
- o LDC Economic Outlook under North-South rubric -- a onepage key issue paper with principal drafter Treasury and with CIA contribution/clearance
- o Country Background Papers, each two pages per country
  - Economic Papers, Treasury as principal with CIA contribution/clearance
  - b. Political Papers, State as principal and CIA as contributor/coordinator

## 4. Random Questions/Comments:

- A. Someone asked why the energy affiliate was once again surfaced under the North-South rubric. Response: The French will definitely raise it again.
- B. There appears to be a lot of overlap between the Yamal Pipeline issue paper under East-West (which will include a study of alternatives to the pipeline) and OGI's issue paper on European energy supplies under Energy. It was agreed that in the first round at least both papers would be done.
- C. State again raised the futility of trying to do separate economic and political country papers. Again to no avail.
- D. Nuclear and coal issue papers will be added to the Energy section, to be done by DOE.
- E. CEA mentioned they were doing some interesting work on the economic implications of falling oil prices. Hormats and Casse both noted that the Agency was already working on this. So we're back in the saddle again. Mary-Ann said that we would send down a completed paper to CEA and Hormats as soon as it was completed; the paper will be a package including the country sections and the OECD analysis prepared within EURA.
- F. The French technology paper (the only Summit paper to be formally presented to the Summit leaders) is highly dirigiste, according to Hormats, and of little use. The French have promised to revise it. At the same time, the US is doing what amounts to counter papers, which

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are supposedly more positive, less government interventionist, more balanced, less alarmist, and more oriented to the role of private R&D. A bunch of Agencies are working on these papers, in and outside the government.

G. Someone mentioned that <u>Japan</u> appeared to be getting short shrift in the planning process, although as a subject problems with the Japanese would probably be at least on a par with all other agenda items. Hormats agreed, and stressed that Japan would not be ignored in the briefing process.